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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL DIAMOND TRADE

REF: STATE 53446 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM EXCELLENT SOURCE THAT BOART AND HARD METAL PRODUCTS SA LTD. IS 100 PERCENT OWNED BY BOART INTERNATIONAL, WHICH IN TURN IS OWNED 100 PERCENT BY ANGLO AMERICAN. LONG-YEAR OF THE NETHERLANDS IS ALSO OWNED 100 PERCENT BY BOART INTERNATIONAL. BOART AND HARD AND LONG-YEAR ARE THUS SISTER COMPANIES.

2. SAME SOURCE SAYS BOART INTERNATIONAL ALSO OWNS HALF OF SMITH-BOART OF SA, AND THAT SMITH INTERNATIONAL OF US OWNS OTHER HALF.

3. SINCE THIS INFORMATION COMES FROM RELIABLE SOURCE WE HAVE NOT CONSULTED REGISTER OF COMPANIES BECAUSE OF RISK THAT SAG WILL LEARN OF EMBASSY INTEREST. IF DEPARTMENT STILL WANTS US TO CONFIRM BY CONSULTING REGISTER WE WILL OF COURSE DO SO.
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